

Borough of Rocky Hill
Planning Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 21, 2016

Planning Board Chair Michael Goldman called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board to order at 7:30 pm.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Goldman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 28, 2016. Notice remains continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Ashbaugh, Robert Ayrey, Irene Battaglia, Linda Goldman, Michael Goldman, Dan Kluchinski, Raymond Whitlock

Absent: Mark Blasch, Tim Corlis, Michael Giambra, Brian Nolan, and Mayor Jeff Donahue

Also present: Attorney Jolanta Maziarz, Planner Tamara Lee, and Recording Secretary Christine Witt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reorganization/Regular Meeting Minutes January 21, 2016 - Motion made by Mr. Whitlock to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Goldman. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Battaglia, L. Goldman, Kluchinski, Whitlock, M. Goldman

Against: None

Abstain: Ayrey

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Goldman informed the Board of two pieces of correspondence. The first is a letter from T-Mobile asking the Planning Board for comments on proposed changes to a cell tower on the water tower. Attorney Maziarz recommended that this request be forwarded to the Borough Council. The Council may ask the Planning Board to review the proposal. The second correspondence was from the County regarding the Yver application. The County has imposed additional requirements on the applicant, including widening the driveway to 24 feet for 30 feet starting at the street.

APPLICATIONS

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Bylaws

The Board undertook a detailed review of the bylaws based on the suggested changes of the Planning Board Attorney, the Planning Board Planner, the Zoning Officer, the Chair, and member Linda Goldman. Ms. Goldman explained that the bylaws inform the public what the Board procedures are and how things are done.

The Board decided to remove the provision for a work session and leave the two public comment sections of the meetings. The Board discussed ways to make the application process more transparent for residents. The Board reviewed through page 14 of the bylaws.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Recording Secretary Witt announced that the Historic District database is accessible on the Borough website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2016-9 to Retire into Executive Session (9:17 PM)

Potential litigation - In re the Borough of Rocky Hill 2015 Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgment Action

Ms. Goldman moved to retire into Executive Session. Mr. Kluchinski seconded the motion, and motion carried a voice vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Ayrey, Battaglia, L. Goldman, Kluchinski, Whitlock, M. Goldman

Against: None

Abstain: None

Executive Session ended at 10:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kluchinski moved to adjourn at 10:20 PM. Motion seconded by Mr. Ayrey. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christine Witt
Recording Secretary